

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
of Vermont, Inc.
Chapter 26-1
Meeting Agenda for 07/14/2019
At Mutuo Club in Barre, VT

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: SAA

Opening Prayer:

Welcome from Chapter Commander:

- **Welcome all visitors.** Brian and Carrie Ann from the Smolder Mist Pub

Patching Ceremony New members:

FM ----- Lyman (Big Whiskey) unable to make it in today

FM ----- Robert Monette unable to make it in today

SUP ---- Kimball (Big Kid) unable to make it in today

Guest Speaker: none Omen's birthday today! 72 years young! Happy Birthday OMEN!
Also, a special thanks goes out to Mark Pinney for his service as Sargent At Arms for the chapter. He and his lovely wife will be missed!

Report of Officers: (Executive Board)

Chapter Commander:

- **Commander report from nationals 2019:**
- **New National President is Mutt, NSAA is Coolshot and Peanut is the new NSEC National Vice President is open. Not much to report on the meeting.**
The meeting was cut short due to matters unforeseen by the association. Many did not get their chance to participate. Charitable Foundation funds were not disbursed. The new NBOD is looking into ways to amend the situation.

XO: Reminder-

- **We have a power scooter if anyone knows a Veteran that could use one. We also have a power wheelchair.** We will need power chairs at Regional after all.
- **If you know of a veteran in need contact the BOD.**
 - Our new trailer is here today. It looks brand new! We will apply more CVMA logo items to accompany what is already on the back door.
 - XO has a line on a Glock .22 40 cal for low cost, that would make a good investment for our next raffle pistol.

Secretary report:

- **Last meeting Min vote to accept June.** Accepted unanimously.

- **Member ID cards.** If you don't have an ID card, or the one you do have isn't a solid card with a magnetic strip on the back, please see the secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Monthly Report/Vote on report; Vote to accept.** Accepted unanimously.
- **Vet to Vet updates.**
There were 3 pair of Carhartt pants donated to the chapter. See Treasurer if interested. Size 40x30 and 30x36

SAA:

- **Sign-in sheets; Must be legible.** Scott Hawkins was appointed to the position of Chapter Sargent At Arms today. Welcome aboard, Scott and thanks for stepping up!
- **Patch recovery report.** 4 members failed to pay their dues on time. One member is taking action to re-apply, along with his wife, an AUX member. Efforts are being made to connect with the other 3 members to determine their intentions and status.

PR: Upcoming events calendar:

- **New items posted to the calendar**
- **If you have something you would like posted to the calendar, please contact the chapter PR officer.**

Committees Reports:

Old Business:

- **CVMA 26-1 Trailer status.** See XO report.
- **R3 Regional 26-1 Steakhouse Run and NEK ride update.** There will be information cards from Texas Roadhouse with meal choices for the meal that is part of the run. If you want to order from the menu, instead, or buy alcohol, you will be billed separately. Meals with the run will be \$10 times the number of riders in attendance. Don is looking into having a police escort for this event.
- **Jesse Strong Military Appreciation Day June 15 POC Dana Lesperance. Review.** This event went really well!

New Business:

- **2019 Ghost ride.**
- **2020 regional meeting will be in PA.**
- **2020 National will be in Jacksonville FL.** Registration is now open.
- **5 – 5 Upper bike raffle tickets.** Tickets are \$20 each. Don will be turning his tickets in to 5-5 at Regionals next week. There are also some tickets at the Smolder Mist Pub, if anyone wants them after next week.
- **Remembrance Run at Camp Johnson Sept 8th details to follow.** This run is to honor the fallen. We will be fulfilling road guard functions; should be a lot of fun!
- **Lucas Williams Memorial Pavilion dedication. July 19 2019. See note** Lucas Williams was a service member killed in Kuwait. His mother has organized this

event for years and finally has completed the Memorial Pavilion. Don will send out a chapter-wide email with the specifics. Watch your email!

- **2019 CVF raffle items.** Our booth is paid for; we have the same one as last year. We will have the padded floor again – Big Heart said he has pads that are 'just sitting in the basement'. It's time to start getting items for the raffle: gift cards are usually best for this purpose. This event is our biggest fund-raiser each year, so the more we get, the better. Please no yard-sale items! There will be a sign-up roster coming.

Tabled Items:

State Rep: Nationals was a hoot! Every member should make it to at least one National event – you'll really see what the CVMA is all about. The meeting itself did not go well. I will be sending out an email with the specifics. 2020 Nationals will be in Jacksonville Florida; 2021 Sheridan Wyoming; 2022 in Louisville Kentucky.

-Please check your 201 files, to make sure they're up to date: contact info and ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact info is important for obvious reasons.

-Patch recovery is everybody's responsibility. Sometimes patch recovery goes smoothly; other times not so much. One ex-member had to be threatened with going to court, including court costs, etc., billed to him. Another member decided to cut his patch up and send it back in a Ziploc bag. This is a huge slap in the face to what that patch stands for: the blood on the battlefield and the deaths of the fallen. They may have had dispute with the CVMA, but should have at least respected the idea behind what we do and why. This is disgraceful behavior and denotes huge disrespect to those we serve and those who didn't make it back.

-I have patches for sale: each member is allowed two. See me if you would like to purchase one for yourself. They are in varying condition.

Discussion: Open to Membership:

-After brief discussion, we voted unanimously to donate \$100 to the Hinesburg Fire Dept in remembrance of veteran William Anthony. The family requested this in lieu of flowers.

- **Dana R3 Chair, review and Registration.**
 - Please volunteer to help out wherever you can.
 - There will be an \$8 all-you-can-eat breakfast at the Legion on Saturday morning.
 - Green Mountain Harley Davidson donated 300 t-shirts. Because of the number of pre-registered participants (293!), we have ordered another 100.

Announcements:

-Don announced that he will be stepping down as Chapter Commander at our next chapter meeting. He said it has been an honor and great pleasure serving in this position for the last 3 years. He will still be around and will still be coordinating the CVF this year. Finally, he expressed great appreciation for his wife, who accepted weekends spent at CVMA functions without complaint.

-The position is open to be filled temporarily until elections at our next Coffee Break run.

Closing Prayer:

Adjournment: CC